GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3034
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2001
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PRICE OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES
JASKAUR MEENA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the difference between wholesale and retail prices of essential commodities in the metropolitan cities at present;

(b) the manner in which Government monitors the wholesale and retail price of essential commodities;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued to States with regard to the maximum difference between the wholesale and retail prices of essential commodities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) : A statement showing the wholesale and retail prices of selected essential commodities as on August 1, 2001 at Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai is given in the Annexure.

(b) : The retail and wholesale prices of 12 essential commodities are monitored by the Central and State Governments at the highest level, through the high powered Committees, regularly. The daily retail prices and weekly wholesale prices of 12 selected essential commodities are being monitored by the Price Monitoring Cell in the Department.Daily retail prices for 18 State Capitalsand weekly wholesale prices for 37 centres spread all over the country are monitored through the State/UT Civil Supplies Departments.Analysis of the data is made and definite measures are taken to safeguard the interests of the consumers from time to time.

(c) : No.

(d) : Question does not arise

ANNEXURE

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No 3034 due for answer on 10.8.2001

Wholesale and Retail Prices of Selected Essential Commodities in the Metropolitan Cities as on 1st August, 2001

(Rs. Per kg.)

ITEMS	DELHI		MUMBAI		CALCUTTA		CHENNAI	
	Wholesale	Retail	Wholesale	Retail	Wholesale	Retail	Wholesale	Retail
Rice	9.75	12.00	10.75	11.50	9.00	10.00	9.00	11.00
Wheat	5.95	7.00	9.25	10.25	NR	NR	8.60	10.00
Gram	22.40	26.00	26.00	27.00	24.25	25.00	24.50	26.00
Sugar	20.00	26.00	22.75	25.00	22.25	25.00	24.00	27.00
Tur	15.70	16.50	15.80	16.50	NR	NR	13.80	14.50
Groundnut oil+	66.00	71.00	47.00	48.00	55.00	72.00	41.00	43.00
Mustard oil	38.00	43.00	NR	66.00	34.50	40.00	NC	NC
Vanaspati	38.00	40.00	41.00	42.00	38.00	42.00	37.00	42.00
Tea (loose)	100.00	115.00	NR	130.00	NR	80.00	116.00	120.00

Potato	6.00	8.00	5.75	9.50	5.10	6.00	8.00	9.00
Onion	4.00	7.00	4.00	6.50	5.00	8.00	4.00	5.00
Salt (packed)	4.60	6.00	6.40	7.00	NR	7.00	5.20	6.00

Source : State Civil Supplies Departments.

Note : Wholesale prices are originally reported per quintal and have been converted to Rs.per Kg.

+ Retail prices relates to premium brand of 1 kg in Delhi and Calcutta and wholesale price is in respect of 15 kg tin of general brand in Delhi and Calcutta. In Mumbai and Chennai, retail as well as wholesale prices pertain to loose variety.

N.C. - Negligible consumption
N.R. - Not Reported.